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kevin barlow**CASE NAME**Rosemarie Mckinnis Est Of, Kathleen Mckinniss, Carin
Rosado, James Finn Est Of, Geraldine Finn Exr v. Ecohealth
Alliance Inc, Peter Daszak, Janet D Cottingham Aka, Janet
Dasz...**DOCUMENT FILED DATE**

Feb. 21st, 2023

CASE FILING DATE

Oct. 5th, 2022

COUNTY

Rockland county, NY

JUDGE

Sherri L Eisenpress

CATEGORY

Torts - Environmental (SARS-COV-2)

STATUS

Active

EXHIBIT F

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ROCKLAND

IN RE SARS-CoV-2;
KATHLEEN MCKINNISS, PROPOSED
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF
ROSEMARIE MCKINNISS, DECEASED; CARIN
ROSADO, individually; and GERALDINE FINN, AS
EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES FINN,
DECEASED,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE, INC., PETER DASZAK,
JANET D. COTTINGHAM a/k/a JANET DASZAK,
RALPH BARIC, W. IAN LIPKIN, and JOHN AND
JANE DOES 1-1000,

Defendants.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF DR. RALPH
BARIC IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION TO DISMISS**

Ralph Baric, Ph.D., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am employed by The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (the "University"). I am a William R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor in the Departments of Epidemiology and Microbiology and Immunology. I focus on the study of how viruses, and specifically how coronaviruses like the SARS-CoV-2 virus (hereinafter "Covid-19"), change and evolve over time.

2. As it relates to this lawsuit, the purpose of my research is to assist in the development of life-saving vaccines and treatments to combat Covid-19 and to evaluate vaccine performance against new variants of the virus. My findings and research on these drugs and vaccines are utilized worldwide by doctors, scientists and others to help combat the spread of Covid-19.

3. The University is a public university based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. I reside in the County of Alamance, North Carolina. The majority of my research is performed on the University's campus in North Carolina. All of my research is performed in my capacity as an employee of the University, and the funding for my research flows through the University.

4. I do have minimal professional ties to the State of New York. In the last ten years, those are as follows:

- a. I spoke at Columbia University in 2019 and 2022. The substance of my presentations focused on epidemic and zoonotic coronavirus pathogenesis, replication and countermeasure design.
- b. I was an invited speaker at Rockefeller University in May 2020, where I reviewed coronavirus replication, pathogenesis and countermeasures focused on the epidemic and pandemic emerging coronaviruses.
- c. I serve on the Scientific Advisory Board to review progress on an NIH CRIP (influenza) virus grant by researchers at Mount Sinai Hospital. While the money for this grant originates with the federal government, not New York, I did attend meetings in New York in this capacity, one each in February 2021 and March 2022.
- d. Early in the Covid-19 pandemic, I have performed consulting work for two international companies with ties to New York. That work focused on the direction of the Covid-19 pandemic and related countermeasures. It did not involve travel to New York and did not focus on activities specifically in New York State.

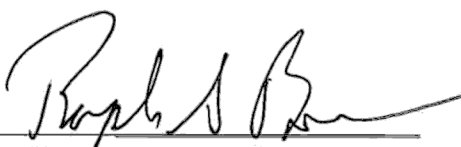
5. The total compensation received from the matters discussed in the above paragraph amounts to less than 1% of my earnings over the past ten years. I do not recall receiving any other compensation for work performed in New York or related to New York during the same time period.

6. To the best of my recollection, I have not traveled to New York for any personal trips/vacations in the last ten years. I have traveled to New York City to attend conferences and meetings, on average less than once a year.

7. I maintain a brokerage account with Merrill Lynch originally established by my parents prior to their deaths. Merrill Lynch is an American investment management and wealth management division of Bank of America. I inherited the account from my parents when my mother passed away in 1997. The account manager resides in New Jersey but has an office in New York. We speak approximately twice a year regarding required dispensations from the account. I have not traveled to New York to meet with, confer, discuss, or review anything related to the account. Merrill Lynch is headquartered in New York City.

8. I do not own any real property in the state of New York.

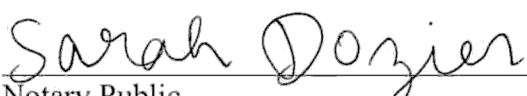
Dated: Chapel Hill, North Carolina
February 20, 2023

By: 
Ralph Baric, Ph.D.

NORTH CAROLINA

Orange COUNTY

On this the 20th day of February, 2023, before me personally appeared Dr. Ralph Baric, to me known to be the person described herein, and who executed the foregoing Affidavit; and he acknowledged that he voluntarily executed said Affidavit.


Notary Public

My commission Expires: 1/5/2026

